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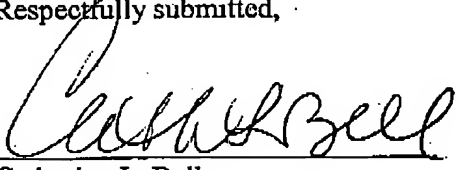
This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 3, 2006, and is being submitted with payment of the issue fee. Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18 and 19 are in condition for allowance. The foregoing amendments are consistent with the Examiner's amendment dated February 3, 2006. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicant is also concurrently submitting a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to correct the filing date of U.S. provisional application serial number 60/446,607. The date of deposit with the US Postal Service was February 11, 2003; however, the date initially accorded by the United States Patent & Trademark Office was February 12, 2003. Therefore, there is a discrepancy between the filing date initially accorded by the U.S. Patent Office and the "date-in" entered by the USPS. The date of deposit with the USPS of February 11, 2003, is being respectfully requested via the Petition.

Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction. In the event that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 05-1712, for any fees required to this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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